

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 255

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nora Barton on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Volunteer High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Nora Barton is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barton was recently selected as Teacher of the Year by Volunteer High School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barton attended Pikeville College from 1999 to 2001 before graduating from East Tennessee State University with a bachelor's degree in Spanish in 2004, and she earned a master's degree in education from Milligan College in 2007; and

WHEREAS, she serves with acumen and alacrity as an English and Spanish teacher at Volunteer High School, and she is implementing curriculum standards for ninth through eleventh grade English classes and for Spanish I and Spanish II classes; and

WHEREAS, Nora Barton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barton has graciously volunteered her time to numerous scholastic efforts, including having served as Sports Director/Program Specialist for Girls Incorporated of Kingsport from May 2001 to August 2004 and December 2004 to June 2006, she was responsible for the development and implementation of programs for girls ages five to eighteen

in an after-school setting, and she is a member of the American Council of the Teaching of Foreign Language; and

WHEREAS, until this past year, Nora Barton served as the Junior Varsity Coach for the Volunteer High School girls' basketball team and she is currently involved in organizing and helping to conduct the young girls' camp offered each year, which is available to area elementary and middle school players who desire to improve their basketball skills; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barton also serves as a sponsor for the environmental team at Volunteer High School; in March 2010, she gathered a group of students to determine their interest in helping the school in regard to the environment and, two months later, the team had grown to about fifty participants, and they recycled 1500 pounds of would-be garbage; the club participated in last year's Earth Day events, and Ms. Barton is in the process of organizing this year's festivities by inviting area elementary and middle schools to participate; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Barton truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Nora Barton epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nora Barton on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Volunteer High School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.